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**Join
Together
to Combat
Human
Trafficking**



Every year, nearly 2 million people globally, mostly women and girls, are trafficked and sold into servitude and slavery.

Human trafficking occurs when someone tries to recruit, harbor, or move you from one place to another with a promise of a high paying job or an offer of marriage.

Recruiters use coercion, fraud, deception and force to lure and control their victims. Human trafficking is modern-day slavery.

Sometimes, trafficking victims are purchased or kidnapped and forced into prostitution or indentured servitude. More often, victims and their families are lured by the promise of a better life.

Traffickers sometimes use newspaper advertisements offering high salaries for work abroad. Criminal organizations will pose as legitimate businesses, such as:

- Travel agencies
- Model agencies
- Employment agencies
- 'Au Pair' babysitting services
- Massage parlors
- Matchmaking or marriage services

Traffickers will promise a job, education, or marriage, and will offer to arrange and pay for the costs of a passport, visa, work permit and transportation.

**If it sounds too good to be true,
it probably is!**

Victims of human trafficking are often placed in unsafe or illegal living or working conditions.

Traffickers control their victims by:

- Taking away documents
- Debt bondage
- Physical abuse
- Emotional/psychological abuse
- Isolation

Protect Yourself!

- Know the address and telephone number of your country's embassy in the country where you will be going.
- Learn about the place you will be going. Call or write your employer to ask about the work, pay, and living conditions.
- Ask for a contract. Watch out for language that says the employer will hold all your money until the contract is complete.
- Be suspicious if your prospective employer obtains a tourist visa for you to work in the U.S.
- Tell your friends and family where you will be going. Give them the phone number and address where you will be staying.
- Do not give your passport to anyone to keep for you. Keep a copy of your passport information in a safe place where only you can find it.

United States

No one can force you to work in the United States! It is illegal to force you to engage in prostitution. It is illegal to force you to work to pay off a debt.

If you are being forced to work or held against your will, GET HELP.

Call the Trafficking Hotline:

1-888-428-7581

Operators can talk to you in your language

যদি আপনাকে মার্কিন যুক্তরাষ্ট্রে কাজ করবার জন্য বাধ্য করা হয়
কিংবা বলপূর্বক আটকে রাখা হয়, আপনার সাহায্যার্থে
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A victim of crime in the U.S. has rights! Victim assistance such as counseling, emergency shelter and legal aid is available. There are laws that could help you, regardless of your immigration status.

Victims of abuse or violence can also contact the National Women's Health Information Center at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at 1-800-994-9662 or www.4woman.gov.

India

If you or someone you know is a victim of trafficking, there is help!

Victims of abuse or violence, deception or trickery can contact Apne Aap at
+91-033-22834354 (Kolkata) or
+91-011-24110056 (New Delhi)
and help@apneaap.org

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এবং help@apneaap.org

A victim or even a potential victim of trafficking in India has rights! Legal aid and counseling, emergency shelter and information is available.

There are laws, including the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 that can help you regardless of your status as spouse or dependent when you migrate.

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